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MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

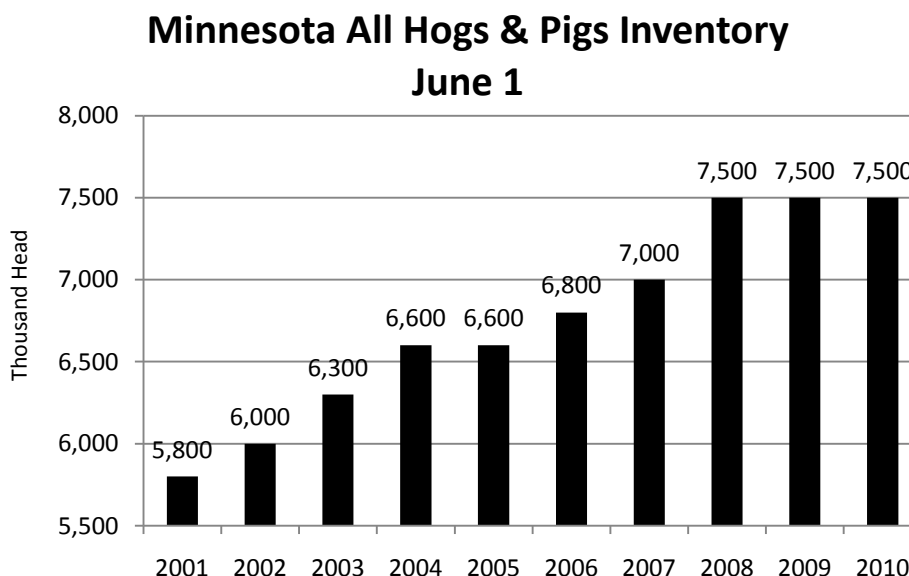
Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.5 million hogs and pigs on June 1, 2010, unchanged from last year but up 4 percent from the March 1, 2010, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding inventory totaled 550 thousand head, down 5 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 6.95 million head, were up slightly from a year ago.

MARCH-MAY PIG CROP DOWN 2 PERCENT

Minnesota's March-May 2010 pig crop totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from a year earlier but up 4 percent from the December 2009-February 2010 pig crop. The 275 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.15 pigs per litter, up from 9.95 a year ago.

JUNE-AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the June-August 2010 quarter. If realized, this would be up 4 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 290 thousand sows during the September-November 2010 quarter. If realized, this would be up 5 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period in 2009.



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U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2010 was 64.4 million head. This was down 4 percent from June 1, 2009 but up 1 percent from March 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down 3 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 58.6 million head, was down 4 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down 3 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008.

Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 5 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008.

The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.81 for the March-May 2010 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2009 through March 2010 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss and current import and export data. Based on this review, adjustments of less than one percent were made to the December 2009 total inventory and March 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of two percent was made to the September-November 2009 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2009-2010^{1 2}**

| Month | Sows Farrowing ¹ | | Pigs per Litter | | Pig Crop ¹ | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> |
| Dec ² | 997 | 980 | 9.50 | 9.62 | 9,475 | 9,425 |
| Jan | 1,013 | 970 | 9.45 | 9.58 | 9,576 | 9,292 |
| Feb | 1,001 | 952 | 9.49 | 9.62 | 9,501 | 9,156 |
| Mar | 1,009 | 972 | 9.56 | 9.76 | 9,650 | 9,486 |
| Apr | 1,003 | 950 | 9.61 | 9.84 | 9,644 | 9,350 |
| May | 1,006 | 953 | 9.66 | 9.82 | 9,718 | 9,363 |
| Jun | 996 | | 9.71 | | 9,673 | |
| Jul | 986 | | 9.70 | | 9,567 | |
| Aug | 978 | | 9.69 | | 9,478 | |
| Sep | 994 | | 9.71 | | 9,647 | |
| Oct | 965 | | 9.70 | | 9,364 | |
| Nov | 956 | | 9.68 | | 9,249 | |
| Total | 11,904 | | 9.62 | | 114,542 | |

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

² December preceding year.